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## LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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### Maine's 1990 Local Review Workshop Schedule Announced by U.S. Census Bureau

Six 1990 Local Review Program Workshops for local and American Indian tribal government officials in Maine have been scheduled. The workshops are being co-sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Maine Department of Labor, Census Data Center/Maine Department of Human Services, Division of Data and Research. The 1990 Local Review Program is a voluntary program which encourages local and tribal governments to help the Census Bureau improve the accuracy of the 1990 Decennial Census.

The Boston Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau will send invitations to all local and tribal governments in the state to attend one of the workshops.

Last winter, many local and tribal governments named liaisons for the Local Review Program following a program kickoff by the Census Bureau. The training workshops to be conducted over the next four months are designed to develop a cooperative relationship between the Census Bureau and local officials, leading to a successful 1990 census.

Officials in municipal and American Indian tribal governments will have the opportunity to review Census housing unit counts on a block-by-block basis and pinpoint any problems based on their independent estimates.

This Local Review Program has two phases, designed to improve the bureau's nationwide list of housing unit addresses--once before census questionnaires are mailed and again while the census is still under way--to make sure all housing units and the people in them have been counted. At these workshops, the local officials will receive details of the 1990 Local Review Program, as well as instructions on how to prepare housing unit estimates and how to identify areas where the local housing unit count and the census count differ.

By law, all Census Bureau address lists are kept confidential. That is why the actual census address lists cannot be shown to local government officials, just the housing unit block totals which are derived from the address lists.

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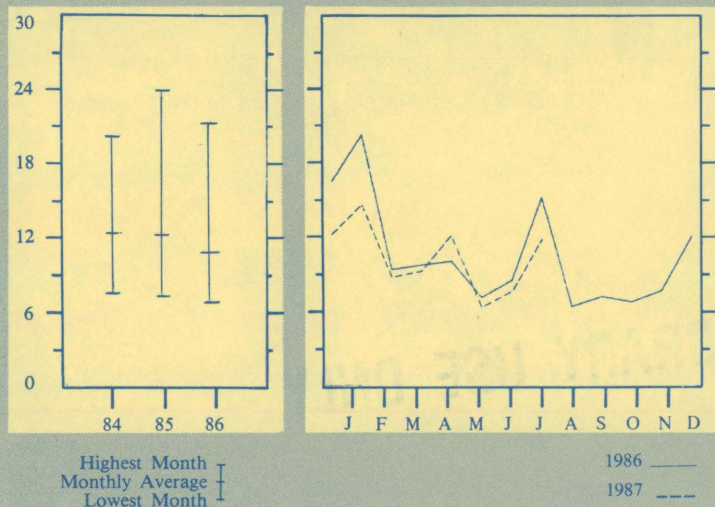


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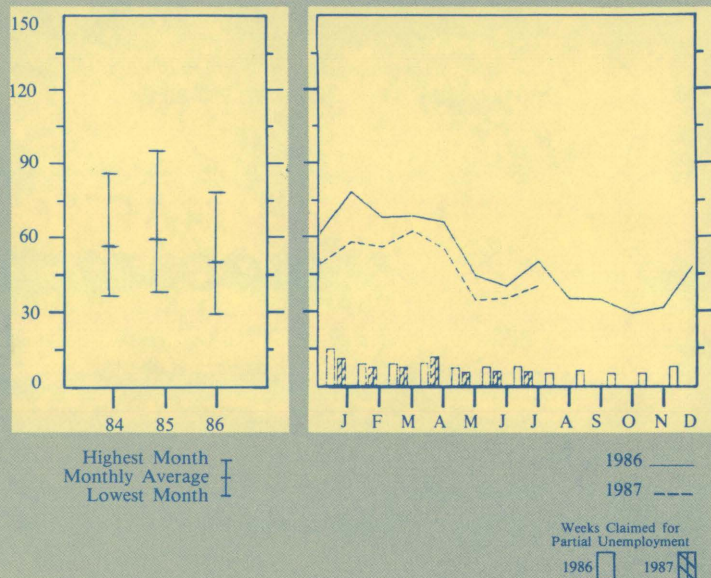
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## UI Initial Claims in Thousands



## UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



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Boston Census Regional Director, Authur G. Dukakis, said the Maine workshops were scheduled on the following dates and locations:

August 25	Presque Isle
September 3	Bangor
October 1	Portland
October 7	Lewiston
October 22	Rockland
November 12	Waterville

The Maine workshops are among some 400 being conducted this year throughout the nation.

For further information please contact Jean Martin, Census Data Center Program Manager at the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330 (tel. 207-289-2271).



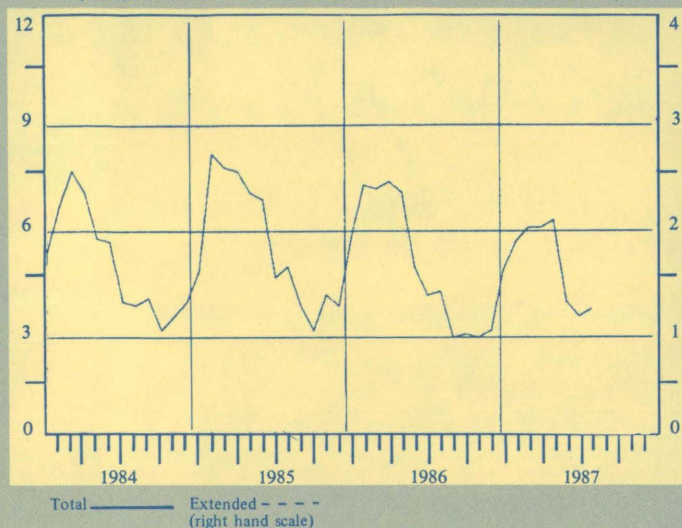


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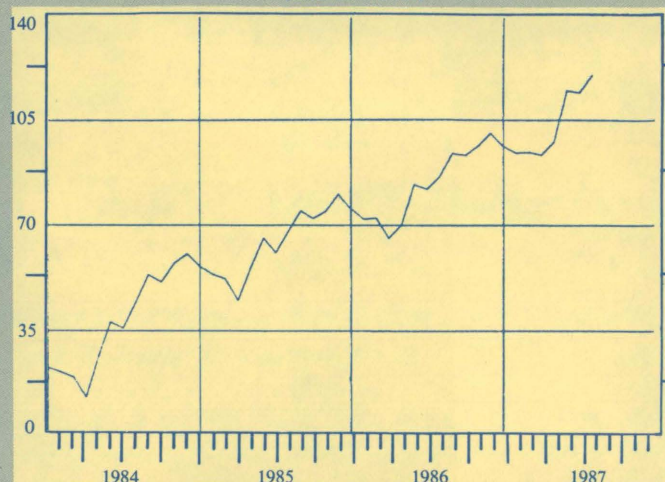
## UI Benefit Payments in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



## Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



## Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work in Thousands

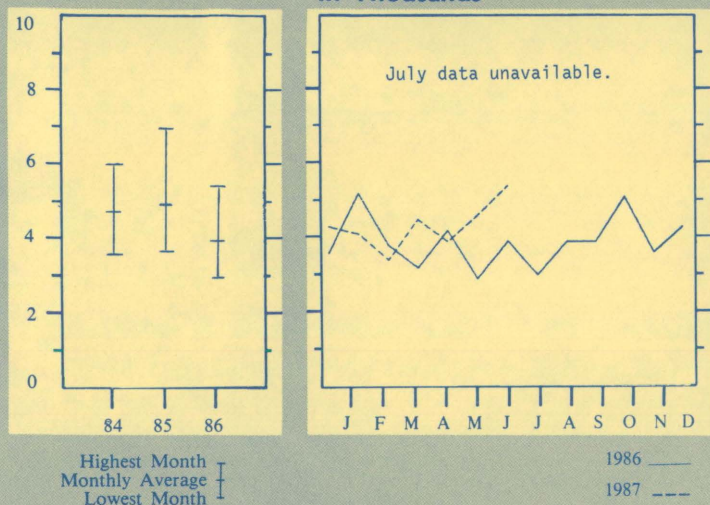
ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment <u>1/</u>	500.7	505.9	485.6	120.6	120.3	118.5	38.3	39.2	36.4
Total Manufacturing .....	98.6	103.1	99.6	15.0	15.3	16.3	9.6	10.1	9.4
Durable Goods .....	46.1	46.1	45.2	7.1	7.3	8.1	2.7	2.7	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products <u>2/</u> .....	13.9	13.2	13.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals .....	3.7	3.8	3.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical .....	3.8	3.9	4.0	2.2	2.3	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment .....	9.6	10.0	9.9	3.1	3.2	3.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment <u>3/</u> .....	10.4	10.4	9.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods <u>4/</u> .....	4.7	4.8	4.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.4
Nondurable Goods .....	52.5	57.0	54.4	7.9	8.0	8.2	6.9	7.4	6.6
Food and Kindred Products .....	7.2	7.0	8.1	1.7	1.6	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products .....	5.1	6.9	5.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.9	1.2	0.9
Apparel .....	3.2	3.4	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products .....	16.4	17.4	16.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing .....	4.9	4.9	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products .....	3.1	3.6	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.7	1.6
Leather and Leather Products .....	11.3	12.5	10.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	2.2	2.3	2.0
Footwear (except Rubber) .....	9.4	10.4	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.6
Other Leather Products .....	1.9	2.1	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.4	0.5	0.4
Other Nondurable Goods <u>5/</u> .....	1.3	1.3	1.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing .....	402.1	402.8	386.0	105.6	105.0	102.2	28.7	29.1	27.0
Mining .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction .....	32.5	32.1	30.8	8.3	7.9	7.9	2.1	2.0	2.0
Transportation and Public Utilities .....	19.8	20.1	19.7	6.4	6.3	6.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade .....	25.0	24.6	23.4	9.0	8.9	8.8	1.8	1.9	2.0
Retail Trade .....	104.9	102.8	100.0	27.5	27.1	26.5	7.4	7.4	6.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate .....	24.5	24.2	23.4	12.1	11.8	11.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Services .....	116.0	110.4	110.8	29.3	29.0	28.0	10.2	10.3	9.3
Government .....	79.3	88.5	77.8	13.0	14.0	13.6	3.6	3.9	3.3
Federal .....	18.3	18.2	18.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local <u>6/</u> .....	61.0	70.3	59.5	11.2	12.2	11.8	3.3	3.6	3.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes .....	1.2	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. \*Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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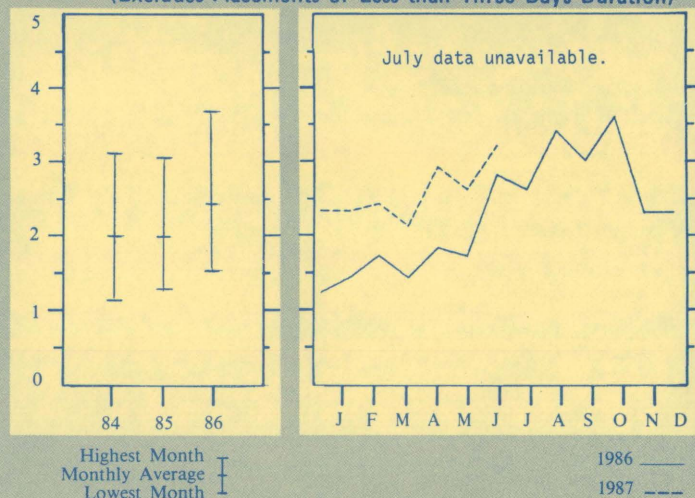


## New Applications For Work in Thousands



## Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands  
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



## Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1986	1985	1984
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
Manufacturing .....	\$359.04	\$364.04	\$352.69	40.8	41.7	40.4	\$8.80	\$8.73	\$8.73	\$8.65	\$8.40	\$8.05
Durable Goods .....	344.03	355.14	335.02	41.4	43.1	39.6	8.31	8.24	8.46	8.52	8.46	8.22
Lumber and Wood Products .....	329.01	329.50	315.59	41.7	43.7	40.1	7.89	7.54	7.87	7.74	8.06	7.57
Primary and Fabricated Metals .....	356.45	364.11	318.76	39.3	41.9	36.1	9.07	8.69	8.83	8.58	8.25	7.89
Machinery, except Electrical .....	358.78	412.22	375.58	39.6	45.6	38.8	9.06	9.04	9.68	9.62	9.11	8.36
Electrical and Electronic Equipment ..	320.66	332.88	301.50	39.2	41.3	37.5	8.18	8.06	8.04	7.94	7.57	7.56
Other Durable Goods .....	368.03	378.88	376.26	43.4	43.6	41.9	8.48	8.69	8.98	9.41	9.50	9.51
Nondurable Goods .....	373.18	371.39	367.43	40.3	40.5	41.1	9.26	9.17	8.94	8.76	8.31	7.95
Food and Kindred Products .....	274.06	265.58	260.54	38.6	37.3	36.8	7.10	7.12	7.08	7.00	6.63	6.46
Textile Mill Products .....	281.25	302.21	304.10	37.5	41.8	41.6	7.50	7.23	7.31	7.04	6.64	6.13
Apparel .....	200.33	217.56	222.96	34.6	37.0	40.1	5.79	5.88	5.56	5.73	5.83	5.55
Paper and Allied Products .....	607.90	589.48	593.10	44.6	42.5	46.3	13.63	13.87	12.81	12.70	12.25	11.62
Leather and Leather Products .....	237.88	247.02	220.10	38.0	38.9	36.5	6.26	6.35	6.03	6.05	5.93	5.80
Other Nondurable Goods .....	332.88	349.80	313.63	41.3	42.4	39.5	8.06	8.25	7.94	8.00	7.51	7.11
<b>PORTLAND MSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	353.99	357.37	340.36	38.9	39.1	38.2	9.10	9.14	8.91	9.17	8.90	8.08
<b>LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	293.53	306.71	277.50	40.1	41.9	37.5	7.32	7.32	7.40	7.19	6.78	6.58

## Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force .....	266.2	261.6	259.7
Unemployed .....	17.2	13.2	24.2
(Percent) .....	6.5%	5.0%	9.3%
Resident Employed .....	249.0	248.4	235.5

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

## U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	340.8	340.1	328.0	331.1
Percent Change for Past Month .....			+0.2%	
Percent Change from Last December .....			+2.9%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago .....			+3.9%	



# Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
<b>MAINE-Statewide</b> .....	605.2	589.6	589.8	575.3	565.9	547.6	29.9	23.7	42.2	4.9	4.0	7.2
<b>MAJOR LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Bangor MSA.....	41,100	40,400	40,600	39,400	38,900	37,800	1,700	1,500	2,800	4.1	3.7	6.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA .....	41,900	41,200	41,900	39,100	39,000	36,500	2,800	2,200	5,400	6.7	5.3	12.9
Portland MSA .....	124,900	120,900	121,600	121,600	118,300	117,600	3,300	2,600	4,000	2.6	2.2	3.3
Portsmouth-Dover- Rochester MSA 3/.....	n/a	134,400	131,000	n/a	131,500	126,300	n/a	2,900	4,700	n/a	2.2	3.6
<b>OTHER LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Augusta .....	34,610	33,120	33,040	32,470	31,660	30,840	2,140	1,460	2,200	6.2	4.4	6.7
Bath-Brunswick .....	29,410	28,400	26,400	27,820	27,140	25,300	1,590	1,260	1,100	5.4	4.4	4.2
Belfast .....	11,440	11,170	11,610	10,640	10,600	10,290	800	570	1,320	7.0	5.1	11.4
Biddeford .....	27,500	27,460	26,900	26,480	26,580	24,610	1,020	880	2,290	3.7	3.2	8.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset ..	15,980	14,970	14,770	15,430	14,560	14,270	550	410	500	3.4	2.7	3.4
Calais-Eastport .....	14,550	13,980	13,890	13,240	12,630	12,120	1,310	1,350	1,770	9.0	9.7	12.7
Caribou-Presque Isle .....	22,550	22,710	21,860	20,570	20,470	19,310	1,980	2,240	2,550	8.8	9.9	11.7
Central Penobscot .....	2,660	2,740	2,450	2,510	2,610	2,180	150	130	270	5.6	4.7	11.0
Dover-Foxcroft .....	6,420	6,510	6,720	6,070	6,180	5,920	350	330	800	5.5	5.1	11.9
Ellsworth .....	26,690	24,850	25,380	25,940	24,030	24,170	750	820	1,210	2.8	3.3	4.8
Farmington .....	10,950	11,270	12,370	9,990	10,710	11,050	960	560	1,320	8.8	5.0	10.7
Fort Kent-Allagash .....	5,470	5,310	5,260	5,060	4,730	4,760	410	580	500	7.5	10.9	9.5
Greenville .....	1,290	1,190	1,370	1,270	1,150	1,220	20	40	150	1.6	3.4	10.9
Houlton .....	6,320	6,190	6,030	5,720	5,840	5,410	600	350	620	9.5	5.7	10.3
Kittery-York 3/ .....	30,580	29,760	29,320	30,220	29,440	28,870	360	320	450	1.2	1.1	1.5
Lincoln-Howland .....	5,390	5,290	5,390	5,030	5,000	4,980	360	290	410	6.7	5.5	7.6
Livermore Falls .....	4,570	4,610	4,700	4,320	4,400	4,240	250	210	460	5.5	4.6	9.8
Madawaska-Van Buren .....	3,820	3,780	3,810	3,450	3,470	3,340	370	310	470	9.7	8.2	12.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket ..	4,320	4,270	4,560	4,140	4,080	4,090	180	190	470	4.2	4.4	10.3
Norway-Paris .....	12,700	11,950	12,440	11,690	11,430	11,460	1,010	520	980	8.0	4.4	7.9
Patten-Island Falls .....	2,620	2,560	2,510	2,490	2,430	2,340	130	130	170	5.0	5.1	6.8
Rockland .....	19,130	18,640	18,290	18,670	18,110	17,380	460	530	910	2.4	2.8	5.0
Rumford .....	8,690	8,740	8,540	8,020	8,240	7,650	670	500	890	7.7	5.7	10.4
Sanford .....	15,920	16,210	16,250	15,370	15,740	15,010	550	470	1,240	3.5	2.9	7.6
Sebago Lakes Region .....	15,750	13,230	14,500	15,270	12,890	13,860	480	340	640	3.0	2.6	4.4
Skowhegan .....	24,980	25,000	23,570	22,300	23,760	20,390	2,680	1,240	3,180	10.7	5.0	13.5
Southwest Penobscot .....	9,740	10,640	10,430	9,180	10,100	8,810	560	540	1,620	5.7	5.1	15.5
Waterville .....	23,310	22,610	23,450	21,880	21,810	21,920	1,430	800	1,530	6.1	3.5	6.5
<b>OTHER</b>												
<b>NEW ENGLAND STATES</b>												
Connecticut .....	1,784.8	1,778.5	1,748.6	1,724.7	1,720.8	1,679.9	60.1	57.7	68.7	3.4	3.2	3.9
Massachusetts .....	3,132.0	3,137.0	3,120.5	3,052.0	3,040.0	3,001.2	80.0	97.0	119.3	2.6	3.1	3.8
New Hampshire .....	604.7	601.3	575.9	588.7	586.5	557.3	16.0	14.8	18.6	2.6	2.5	3.2
Rhode Island .....	514.5	518.4	512.6	493.9	498.4	488.9	20.6	20.0	23.7	4.0	3.9	4.6
Vermont .....	295.5	293.7	296.5	286.0	284.0	283.7	9.5	9.8	12.8	3.2	3.3	4.3
<b>NEW ENGLAND STATES</b> ...	6,936.7	6,918.6	6,843.9	6,720.6	6,695.6	6,558.6	216.1	223.0	285.3	3.1	3.2	4.2
<b>UNITED STATES 4/</b> .....	122,105	121,153	120,303	114,652	113,498	111,832	7,453	7,655	8,471	6.1	6.3	7.0

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

## Footnotes

- 1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
- 2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
- 3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
- 4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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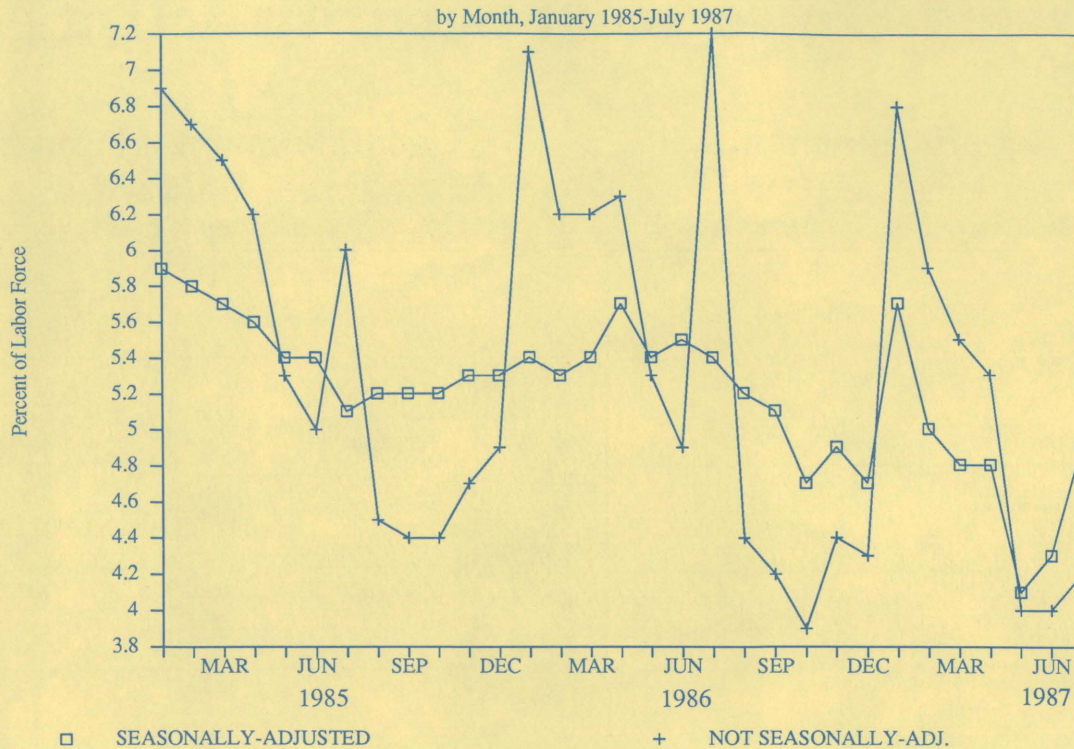
## Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants .....	7,783	6,033	11,897	748	653	947	906	708	1,880
Insured Unemployment Rate * .....	1.6	1.2	2.5	0.7	0.6	0.9	2.5	1.9	5.4

\* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.



# Unemployment Rates in Maine



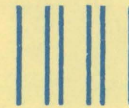
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